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SUBJECT: 59TH ECOSOC: ITEM 15 - OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

BEGIN SUMMARY: PPCC CONCLUDED DEBATE ON ITEM JULY 22. COMMITTEE ADOPTED THREE RESOLUTIONS AND SIX DECISIONS BY CONSENSUS AND ONE RES (ON NATURAL RESOURCES REVOLVING FUND) BY SHOW OF HANDS VOTE. END SUMMARY.

1. AFTER HEARING STATEMENTS INTRODUCING REPORTS OF UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, WFP, AND UNV, COMMITTEE ENGAGED IN LONG DESULTORY DEBATE OVER PAST TWO WEEKS INVOLVING TWO-THIRDS OF ECOSOC MEMBERSHIP. INTERVENTIONS DEALT PRIMARILY WITH UNDP AND UNICEF, WITH WFP GETTING LESS, AND UNFPA AND UNV ALMOST NO ATTENTION.

2. DECISION ADOPTED AT 20TH UNDP GC SESSION ON "NEW DIMENSIONS" WAS COMMENDED BY MOST SPEAKERS, WITH MANY LDCS COMMENTING PARTICULARLY ON IMPORTANCE OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO "FLEXIBILITY",  
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I.E., THAT UNDP WOULD PROVIDE LARGER EQUIPMENT COMPONENT

IN TA PROJECTS AND WOULD CARRY PROJECTS BEYOND PRE-INVESTMENT AND FEASIBILITY PHASES. IMPORTANCE OF ASSIGNING PROJECTS FOR DIRECT EXECUTION BY GOVERNMENTS, INCREASED PROCUREMENT IN LDCS, AND GREATER UNDP SUPPORT FOR TCDC ALSO STRESSED BY LDC DELS. KENYAN DEL (PETER NDUNGO) RAISED FUSS OVER FACT THAT \$100 MILLION TARGET FOR REVOLVING FUND FOR NATURAL RESOURCE EXPLORATION, WHICH KENYA HAD STRENUOUSLY ADVOCATED IN REVOLVING FUND WG AND WHICH IT THOUGHT HAD BEEN APPROVED BY WG, ONLY MENTIONED IN UNDP REPORT AS VIEW OF "ONE OBSERVER DELEGATION". HE ACCUSED WG RAPPORTEUR (UK) OF ALTERING RECORD (BUT WAS PUT STRAIGHT ON THIS BY IRANIAN DEL WHO HAD BEEN CHAIRMAN OF WG AND BY UK DEL) AND VOWED TO PURSUE MATTER IN GA OR AT 21ST UNDP GC. IN GENERAL, UNDP CAME IN FOR A GOOD DEAL OF PRAISE AND VERY LITTLE CRITICISM.

3. WFP PROGRAM ALSO RECEIVED MUCH FAVORABLE COMMENT, WITH MANY DELEGATES EXPRESSING SATISFACTION THAT THE 1975/1976 WFP PROGRAM TARGET HAS BEEN SURPASSED AND VOICING SUPPORT FOR TARGET SET FOR THE 1977/1978 PROGRAM PERIOD. HOWEVER, COMMITTEE DECIDED TO HOLD OVER FORMAL CONSIDERATION OF THE 1977/1978 WFP PLEDGE TARGET UNTIL RESUMED 59TH ECOSOC. MOST DELS REITERATED SUPPORT FOR EXPANDING ROLE OF WFP/IGC AS RECOMMENDED BY WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

4. UNICEF RECEIVED ITS CUSTOMARY SHARE OF PRAISE BUT LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON ITS ACTUAL WORK PROGRAM. COMMITTEE PASSED TWO RESOLUTIONS ON UNICEF. TEXT OF KEY OP PARA OF RES (L.514) ON EX BD REPORT AS FOLLOWS: "TAKES NOTE OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD APPEALING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION TO GIVE CONSIDERATION IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY TO THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN AND TO THE NECESSARY MEASURES FOR MEETING THEIR NEEDS, AS DESCRIBED MORE FULLY IN THAT RESOLUTION." OP PARA OF RES (L.512/REV.1) ON YEAR OF CHILD FOLLOWS: "REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND WITH INTERESTED NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, TO SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION, THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTY-FIRST

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SESSION, BEARING IN MIND THE NEED FOR GOVERNMENT SUPPORT IF SUCH A YEAR IS TO BE PRODUCTIVE, A REPORT ON MEASURES AND MODALITIES FOR ENSURING ADEQUATE PREPARATION, SUPPORT AND FINANCING OF AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD, TO BE PREFERABLY THE YEAR 1979 IN CONNEXION WITH THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD."

5. IN COURSE OF DEBATE, FRG, UK AND NUMBER OTHER WEO DELS

EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE DOUBT THAT YEAR OF CHILD IS NECESSARILY BEST WAY TO GO ABOUT ALLEVIATING PROBLEMS OF CHILDREN IN LDCS, A VIEW WITH WHICH U.S. ASSOCIATED ITSELF.

6. COMMITTEE ALSO ADOPTED RESOLUTION (L.515) ON REVOLVING FUND FOR NATURAL RESOURCES BY SHOW OF HANDS VOTE (27-0-8), REQUESTING UNDP GC "TO RECONSIDER LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE FUND TO DO EXPLORATION UP TO AND INCLUDING FEASIBILITY STUDIES"; AND WITHOUT VOTE, RES (L.513/REV.1) DEALING WITH TCDC (TEXT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL).

7. ON MOTION OF CHAIRMAN AND WITHOUT DEBATE, COMMITTEE TOOK FOLLOWING DECISIONS:

(A) TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNCIL TAKE NOTE OF THE REPORTS OF THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL ON ITS 19TH AND 20TH SESSIONS (DOCUMENTS E/5646 AND E/5703);

(B) TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS THE CONTRIBUTION OF UNDP TO THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL ON THE FUTURE ROLE OF UNDP IN WORLD DEVELOPMENT;

(C) TO RECOMMEND THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZE THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR POPULATION ACTIVITIES (UNFPA) TO HOLD A PLEDGING CONFERENCE IN 1976;

(D) TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNCIL TAKE NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT ON THE NEED FOR A REVISED CONCEPT OF UNDP REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES IN THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES;  
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(E) TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNCIL TAKE NOTE OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ENTITLED "RECONSTITUTION OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS/FAO FOOD PROGRAMME INTO A COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES" AND RECOMMEND ITS ADOPTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

(F) TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE A REVISED TEXT OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE FLEXIBILITY AND TO ESTABLISH A RESERVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES AND CURRENT SITUATIONS.DALE

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